Development of roads in U.P.

3933. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop the existing roads in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) National Highways in the State of Uttar Pradesh are being developed and maintained in a traffic worthy condition subject to availability of funds.

(c) and (d) Efforts are being made to provide adequate funds for development and maintenance of roads in Uttar Pradesh within available resources. In respect of National Highways, a sum of Rs. 120.00 crore for development and Rs. 41.79 crore for periodic maintenance of National Highways was allocated during the year 2001-2002. Nineteen Projects amounting to Rs. 156.41 crore have been sanctioned for improvement of various State roads being maintained by the State, from Central Road Fund during 2001-2002.

Allocation of funds for construction of State roads

3934. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have not been allocating funds to the State Governments for construction of State roads and major roads;

(b) if so, whether a large number of important State roads and major roads in various States are awaiting their expansion and maintenance etc., and the States are unable to do so due to funds paucity;

(c) if so, whether any plans have been made to declare more